

Amendments to the Claims

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1.~~ A method comprising:

- (a) placing at least one frame member in supporting connection with at least one exterior housing surface of a housing of an automated banking machine, wherein the machine includes a cash dispenser and a user interface surface including at least one input device, wherein the machine housing includes a pair of horizontally disposed, generally vertically extending, opposite exterior housing surfaces, and wherein (a) comprises in the placing a generally vertically extending frame member members are respectively placed in operative connection with each respective ones one of the pair of vertically extending housing surfaces;

- (b) placing at least one panel in supporting connection with the at least one frame member, including placing a panel in supporting connection with a generally vertically extending frame member, wherein the panel extends away from the housing and in a direction transverse to the user interface surface.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2 wherein (b) comprises placing a respective panel in operative connection with each respective one of the frame members ~~in the pair~~, wherein each panel extends away from the housing and in a direction transverse to the user interface surface.

4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein a first panel is in supporting connection with ~~a~~ the first one of the vertically extending frame members ~~in the pair~~ and extends vertically in a first vertical plane, and wherein a second panel is operatively connected to a second one of the vertically extending frame members ~~in the pair~~ and extends vertically in a second vertical plane generally transverse to the first vertical plane.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2 wherein the housing includes a generally horizontally extending top housing surface, and further comprising:

(c) placing a top ~~brace~~ frame member above the top surface and in supporting connection with both of the vertically extending frame members.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5 wherein the top frame member includes a central portion and two opposed ear portions extending generally perpendicular to the central portion, and wherein in (c) each one of the ear portions extend in operative engagement with one of the vertically extending frame members.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 6 wherein in (c) each of the ear portions extend generally downward, and wherein each of both vertically extending frame members member extends in intermediate relation between a vertically extending housing surface and an ear portion.

8. (currently amended) The method according to claim 5 ~~wherein~~ wherein the machine includes a generally horizontally extending bottom housing surface, and further comprising:

(d) placing a bottom brace member below the bottom housing surface and in supporting connection with each of both ~~of the~~ vertically extending frame members.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein the bottom brace member includes a central portion and two opposed ear portions extending generally perpendicular to the central portion, and wherein in (d) each one of the ear portions is placed in operative engagement with one of the vertically extending frame members.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 9 wherein in (d) each of the ear portions extend generally upward, and wherein each of both vertically extending frame members member extends in intermediate relation between a vertically extending housing surface and an ear portion.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10 wherein the machine includes ~~a at least one support leg extending below the bottom housing surface, and wherein the central portion includes at least one cutout, and wherein (d) includes positioning the at least one support leg of the machine respectively within the at least one cutout of the central portion.~~

12. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 1~~ A method comprising:

(a) placing at least one frame member in supporting connection with at least one exterior housing surface of an automated banking machine, wherein the machine includes a cash dispenser and a user interface surface including at least one input device, wherein each frame member comprises in cross section a pair of operatively connected leg portions, wherein in (a) the placing a first leg portion is placed in supporting connection with the at least one exterior housing surface; -

(b) placing at least one panel in supporting connection with the at least one frame member, wherein the at least one panel extends away from the housing and in a direction transverse to the user interface surface, and wherein in (b) a second leg portion is placed in supporting connection with the at least one panel.

13. (original) The method according to claim 12 wherein in cross section the second leg portion extends at an obtuse angle relative to the first leg portion, and wherein in (b) the at least one panel extends at an obtuse angle relative to the user interface surface.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 14~~ A method comprising:

- (a) placing at least one frame member in supporting connection with at least one exterior housing surface of an automated banking machine, wherein the machine includes a cash dispenser and a user interface surface including at least one input device;
- (b) placing at least one panel in supporting connection with the at least one frame member, wherein the at least one panel extends away from the housing and in a direction transverse to the user interface surface, wherein (b) comprises in the placing a pair of horizontally disposed panels are placed in operative connection with the at least one frame member; ;
- (c) placing at least one generally horizontally extending shelf in supporting connection with the at least one panel, and wherein (c) comprises including placing a first generally horizontally extending shelf in supporting connection with a first panel and a second generally horizontally extending shelf in supporting connection with a second panel.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2 † wherein the machine housing has a height, and wherein in (b) the at least one panel extends substantially the height of the housing.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20 †7 wherein (b) comprises placing two panels in supporting connection with the frame, wherein a first panel extends on a first transverse side of the user position and a second panel extends on a second transverse side of the user position.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) ~~The method according to claim 19 A method comprising:~~

(a) placing a frame in operative connection with an exterior housing of an existing automated banking machine, wherein the machine includes a cash dispenser and a user interface including at least one input device, wherein the machine is adapted to be operated through the user interface by a user in a user position, wherein the housing has a height, wherein the housing has a top area and a bottom area; ;

(b) placing at least one generally vertically extending panel in supporting connection with the frame, wherein the at least one panel extends outward from the housing, extends horizontally transverse of the user position, and extends generally the height of the housing, and wherein in (b) the at least one panel extends further outward from the housing in an area horizontally disposed of the user interface than in the top area and in the bottom area.

21. (original) The method according to claim 20 wherein in (b) the at least one panel includes in supporting connection therewith a generally horizontally extending shelf positioned below the at least one input device.

22. (currently amended) The method according to claim 20 ~~17~~ wherein in (a) the frame includes a pair of horizontally disposed vertically extending frame members, and wherein (b) comprises placing at least one panel in supporting connection with one of the frame members.

23. (original) The method according to claim 22 wherein in (a) the frame includes a pair of vertically disposed brace members in supporting connection with the frame members.

24. (original) The method according to claim 23 wherein the exterior housing includes a top housing surface and a bottom housing surface, and wherein (a) includes extending one of the pair of brace members above the top housing surface and another of the pair of brace members below the bottom housing surface.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 25 Apparatus comprising:

an automated banking machine including a cash dispenser and a user interface surface
including at least one input device, wherein the automated banking machine includes an
exterior housing;

a frame in supporting connection with the exterior housing, wherein the frame comprises
includes a pair of opposed generally vertically extending frame members, and wherein the
frame includes a pair of horizontally extending brace members extending externally of the
exterior housing;

at least one vertically extending panel in supporting connection with the frame, wherein
the at least one vertically extending panel extends away from the exterior housing and
transverse to the user interface surface.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein each frame member
comprises in cross section a first leg portion and a second leg portion, and a wherein the second
leg portion extends extending in cross section at an obtuse angle relative to the first leg portion,
and wherein the at least one panel is in operative engagement with the second leg portion.

28. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein the frame ~~comprises~~
includes a top brace member extending above the housing, and wherein the frame includes a
bottom brace member extending below the housing.

29. (original) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein each of the top and bottom brace
members include vertically extending ear portions, and wherein a frame member extends in
intermediate relation between the housing and the ear portions of both the top brace member and
the bottom brace member.

30. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 28 wherein the machine includes ~~a at~~
least one support leg extending below the housing, ~~and~~ wherein the bottom brace member
includes at least one cutout, and wherein ~~the at least one support leg of the machine respectively~~
extends in ~~the~~ at least one cutout of the bottom brace member.

31. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~26 25~~ wherein two vertically
extending panels are engaged in supporting connection with the frame, wherein the two vertically
extending panels are horizontally disposed from each other and are located on opposed sides of
the housing.

32. (original) The apparatus according to claim 31 wherein each of the panels includes a
generally horizontally extending shelf.

33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 33~~ Apparatus comprising:

an automated banking machine including a cash dispenser and a user interface surface including at least one input device, wherein the automated banking machine includes an exterior housing, wherein the housing has a height, a top area, and a bottom area, and wherein the at least one input device is vertically intermediate of the top area and the bottom area;

a frame in supporting connection with the exterior housing;

at least one vertically extending panel in supporting connection with the frame, wherein the at least one vertically extending panel extends away from the housing and transverse to the user interface surface, wherein the at least one vertically extending panel extends generally the height of the housing, and wherein the at least one vertically extending panel extends further outward from the housing horizontally adjacent the at least one input device than horizontally adjacent the top and bottom areas.